



I am very pleased with the Common Core Standards. I appreciate the higher expectations for students. The Kindergarten Common Core Standards set a good foundation and well prepare students for first grade and beyond. My kindergarten students did better with math computation than ever before due to the new standards.

- Jennifer Monday, Franklin Township Kindergarten Teacher

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Warren Township Superintendent Dena Cushenberry said she plans to implement common core standards this school year.

"We just want parents to know that the common core standards are coming. They are more rigorous, more complex, and they require more text complexity in test and assessment, so we want parents to know we will be preparing their students for a more rigorous kind of curriculum that's coming," Cushenberry said.

- The Indy Channel WRTV Channel 6

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I believe the common core standards hold students to a higher level of thinking. They encourage problem solving and perseverance in problem solving. The common core has foundational skills that force students to understand why the processes work rather than doing rote memorization. Specifically for math, they make students become great math students rather than students simply doing well in math because they are "good students." Further, our students can handle the expectations of knowing more at an earlier age if we as educators and parents begin to believe that our students can do more!

- Trisha Quattrocchi, Yorktown Elementary Third Grade Teacher

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Ryan Reyna says the problem with some states' standards is that students were asked to know about a lot of subjects, but not to know those subjects well. With the Common Core, Reyna says that will change.

"You will be seeing certain grades, certain progressions where there's more time spent on areas and ideas that are critical— are foundation points moving them through school and into college and careers."

- The National Governor's Association's Education Program Director Ryan Reyna, StateImpact

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Indiana's Common Core Standards provide a consistent and clear understanding of what students are expected to learn. Additionally, they are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers.

- Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett

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Common Core will help Indiana guarantee every child receives the education opportunities necessary to be a globally competitive citizen in the 21st century.

*- Indiana Education Advocates, Stand for Children*

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Ask 10 fifth-grade teachers how they teach fractions, and you'll probably get 10 different answers. That's the beauty of teaching: part art, part science, all creativity.

Will the Common Core State Standards change that? Will we suddenly have a nation of automatons at the front of our classrooms, delivering identical lessons?

As a teacher, I think not. To me, the Common Core represents an empowering opportunity for teachers to collaborate, exchange best practices and share differing curricula—because a common set of standards is not the same thing as a common curriculum.

*- Middle-school instructional coach and high-school math teacher Darren Burris, The Hechinger Report*

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What's happened too often in standards implementation prior to the Common Core is that the standards themselves were not rigorous or state tests were okay, but proficiency cut scores were too low to be meaningful, so what we're hoping will shift with the common core assessment is that the test will be rigorous and very high quality, but also, the test score will more accurately reflect whether students were on track to being college and career-ready.

*- Fordham Institute's Senior Director of the High Quality Programs Kathleen Porter, Magee, StateImpact*

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For those in states where the Common Core standards are being implemented, students could see more emphasis on critical thinking and spending a longer time gaining a deeper understanding.

*- Carole Feldman, Associated Press*

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NEA believes that this work on Common Standards has the potential to provide teachers with more manageable curriculum goals. Their broadness allows teachers to exercise professional judgment in planning instruction that promotes student success.

*- National Education Association (NEA)*

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Embracing the Common Core State Standards places DoDEA side-by-side with other school systems in the United States that are committed to improving education for all children in the country. Adoption of the Common Core State Standards marks a defining point for our highly mobile students. Consistent standards will enable DoDEA students to stay on track even when their families are moving between the states or overseas

*- DoDEA (Department of Defense Education Activity)*

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We want to ensure our students are held to the highest academic standard, and we believe the INCC will position Indiana children well – nationally and internationally.

*- Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett*